

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
KNOXVILLE DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONNIE SHULTS,

Defendant.

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**NO. 3:15-CR-00044
REEVES / GUYTON**

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On July 7, 2016, Ronnie Shults was sentenced to 40 months in prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for conspiracy to distribute and possession with intent to distribute a substance containing a detectable amount of oxycodone. On February 7, 2018, Mr. Shults' began his term of supervised release. To date, he has served 20 months of his three-year term.


On July 16, 2019, Mr. Shults filed a *pro se* motion for early termination of supervised release [D. 48]. In support of his motion, the defendant states that he has re-built family relationships, avoids unhealthy relationships, has passed all drug screens, and has been engaged in various activities, including salvage work, mechanic work, landscaping, and gardening.

Mr. Shults' probation officer has indicated that Mr. Shults has followed all instructions and reports as instructed. Additionally, Mr. Shults' probation officer has confirmed that he has passed all random drug screens and has paid his special assessment fee in full. Neither the probation office nor the government object to Mr. Shults' request for early termination of supervised release.

A court may terminate a term of supervised release at any time after the expiration of one year of supervision if, after considering the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §§ 3553(a)(1), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C), (a)(2)(D), (a)(4), (a)(6), and (a)(7), “it is satisfied that such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice.” 18 U.S.C. § 3583(e)(1). After carefully considering the requirements of the statute, the Court finds that early termination of supervised release is appropriate in this case. Accordingly, Mr. Shults’ motion [D. 48] is **GRANTED**, and his term of supervised release is **TERMINATED**.

The Court is glad to hear that Mr. Shults is doing well, and wishes him continued success.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE